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GERMANY'S NAVAL POWER

Last week witnessed the passing of Germany as a naval power. Her navy, which required years of constructive effort on the part of the Teutonic empire, as well as millions of dollars, is now anchored in the Firth of Forth, Scotland, in charge of allied nations, and it is a question if any of the vessels will ever be surrendered. The surrender of these vessels was in accordance with the terms of the armistice which German representatives signed two weeks ago, and which have effectually put an end to German naval power, possibly forever.

After the battle of Jutland, when the German fleet made a sortie into the North Sea, where they were engaged by British vessels, Emperor William made a bombastic speech in which he said the naval power of Great Britain had been broken forever. However the British navy was on the outside, all ready to meet the German fleet should it again attempt to invade the high seas, but the Britishers never got another opportunity to "mix it" with the Huns. The Germans evidently had enough on the first round, for until their dreadnaughts appeared on Friday last, leading the captive procession, they never made another venture to establish their supremacy by a naval battle.

Never before in the history of the world was there such an occurrence as was witnessed by the Allied fleets when the German vessels, 74 in all, steaming a procession twenty miles miles long, came out of their ports and under guidance of a pilot boat, anchored in the Firth of Forth of Scotland, there to remain until their final disposition is passed upon.

This perishes one of William's fondest dreams, "the Day" when his fleet should be supreme to any other afloat.

Hen Ford, of Detroit, late candidate for the United States Senate, is going to start a newspaper, through which he will be able to tell his troubles to the world. Well, Henry has the price to start the venture, wherein he differs from many others who have embarked in the same business.

FORTUNE'S FAVORITE

The great good fortune of the United States is made manifest the moment we look at the estimates of the casualties of the great war. We have achieved so much yet, relatively speaking, lost so little. The estimated casualties of the Central Powers are listed as follows: Germany 2,000,000; Austria-Hungary 4,500,000 Turkey 750,000; Bulgaria 200,000. The estimated casualties of the Entente Allies, including Russia, are given as follows: Russia 7,000,000; France 4,000,000; Great Britain 2,302,000; Italy 1,000,000; Belgium 350,000. Of this grand total of 27,575,000, the dead alone are believed to number 10,000,000. Yet our country's entire casualties are very small.

We were in the war not quite a year and a half, but this is not the only reason why we escaped with such comparatively slight loss. What saved us was American "hustle." But for this the war might have lasted for two or more years longer. The Germans were overwhelmed by our limitless measures of preparation and our speed. They were surprised and staggered by the splendid quality of American fighters, but what really caused them to yield as soon as they did was the conviction that we should literally snow them under with numbers in no great while. Inside of six months we added two millions to our first small army transported to France. This not only turned the tide against the Germans but convinced them that within another six months we should add two millions more. So the astounded would-be conquerers of the world gave up without waiting to be beaten back to Berlin itself. The United States made war on a scale hitherto undreamed of and though the cost in money has been colossal, it paid.

Kaiser Bill is an undesirable asset to Holland. It is said they have no extradition laws, and that it would be difficult to have that country give up the outlaw if some of the allied nations wanted him. Well there are more ways than one of bringing Holland to a realization that she is taking the wrong view of the situation.

The Germans, a few months ago, were boasting that their 1918 harvest was 15 per cent better than in 1917. What has become of the 1918 harvest that the Huns should now be whining about "starvation?" Every story that comes out of Germany indicates that the propaganda bureau has not abdicated.

The famine-stricken have claims on us, whatever their names or history, yet there is much point in the London Chronicle's remark that "the food cargoes Germany criminally sent to the bottom of the sea cannot be rushed up even to feed Germany."

The Great Test.

Self-control is an easy matter when no provocation, says Success Magazine. But the moment our lives are thrown in with others, then comes the struggle. To maintain our equanimity, to restrain the sharp retort, the impatient exclamation, to get along smoothly with disagreeable people, without friction or jarring—this is the great life test. This is what builds character, what tests manhood or womanhood, what makes the best employee.

Two Discoveries.

A long [illegible] his discovery that a [illegible] a crank without [illegible] of a crank without [illegible] of [illegible] was just [illegible] of patient [illegible] or seeds [illegible] modifications.—Christian Science Monitor.

Soul That Is Truly Great.

Emerson [illegible] of modern philosophers, has said that it is only when in a [illegible] to allow ourselves to be swayed by the opinions about us and accept blindly easy to keep our individuality and sweetness when alone. But that the great soul is he who in the midst of a mass of other individuals can still keep the poise and sweetness of solitude.

Beets Help Soil.

Beet crops have the effect of stimulating the soil. Observations made abroad show that after beets have been grown on the land there has been an increase in the yield of wheat of 5.50 bushels per acre; rye, 1.59; barley, 6.51, and oats, 5.77. Cattle have increased and the net income has been raised as high as 70 per cent.

Phonograph Educational Factor.

The phonograph as an educational factor has tremendous value. Through this means the children can become familiar with all that is best in music, either vocal or instrumental; they can learn not only the music but about the composers, and the great men and women who sing and play various instruments.

Put Hard Things First.

The person who puts the disagreeable duty first in order is the one who is pretty sure to succeed. The impulse which leads us to postpone anything hard and unpleasant as long as we can is something which will prove our undoing, unless we are on our guard.

Proper Disposal of Flags.

"Old and worn-out flags should be destroyed as a whole, privately, preferably by burning. Do not cast them aside or use them in any way that might be thought disrespectful to the flag," says the adjutant general of the United States army.

Sight Not to Be Forgotten.

When one is fortunate enough to see a line of swans etched upon the sky near sunset, a mile or more high, as has been my luck but twice in my life, one has seen something he will not soon forget.—John Burroughs.

House Blessing.

The beauty of the house is order; the blessing of the house is contentment; the glory of the house is hospitality; the crown of the house is godliness.

All Should Know the Bible.

No man can be a thoroughly uneducated who really knows the Bible, nor can anyone be considered a truly educated man who is ignorant of it.—Exchange.

No Real Difficulty.

A man who insists on paying the bill for the whole crowd can usually have his way if he is persistent.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Paradoxical.

Said the observing cuss: "When a fellow's mind is preoccupied he always wears a vacant stare."

GET SALT FROM SEA WATER

Old Method of Obtaining Necessary of Life Is Still Practiced in Various Places.

The use of salt for seasoning and preserving foods is so ancient that the earliest written records refer to it, says a writer in Popular Science Monthly. For many centuries practically all the salt used by the human race was procured by the evaporation of sea water.

This method of obtaining salt is still employed in many localities where the conditions are favorable. A flat stretch of sea coast and a hot and dry climate are necessary if salt is to be got from sea water. An ideal locality for this industry is the coast on the Bay of Cadiz, Spain.

The sea water is allowed to collect in shallow basins, barely above high-water mark. As the water evaporates the various salts contained in the sea water crystallize out and form a crust, which is removed and shoveled in small heaps. There the salts undergo the first stage of purification.

The edible salt is drained from the other salts, which constitute the greater part of the impurities. The edible salt crystallizes out first, while the other salts retain the water and form a concentrated brine which is allowed to run into ditches dug for that purpose.

The partly purified salt is then gathered into large heaps. Occasional rains wash out the more easily soluble impurities, and the hot sun dries the salt on the surface of the pile. Although it still contains about 15 per cent of impurities it is shipped in large quantities without further refining.

NOT WISE ABOUT OSTRICHES

Grave Difficulties Seem to Surround Scheme Devised by a Soldier Who Wants a Mascot.

The machine-gun sergeant at Douglas who wants an ostrich for a mascot and is waiting to hatch it himself if somebody will provide him with an egg, does not know much about ostriches or the task in which he proposes to enlist, in the opinion of the Arizona Republican. If he gets the egg and is not otherwise restricted, he might as well be mustered out of the service. The Germans will be at peace so far as he is concerned.

He has perhaps been misled by stories he has heard of the careless, irresponsible way in which the ostrich race is perpetuated, by the laying of the egg in the sand where it is left to its own devices until it becomes an omelet. That may happen in Africa, where there is plenty of sand and heat, but it will not work in the climate of Douglas where, though there is no lack of sand the sun cannot be counted upon to assist in the business of incubation. The sergeant would have to go to setting.

Moreover, the ostrich is a bird of slow growth. It would be a long time before one coming forth from the egg could become a potent influence in the struggle between autocracy and democracy. By the time it would be in readiness to be taken to Berlin the war would be over and only historians would yet be talking about it.

We would recommend some other kind of mascot, one of quicker though even of less sturdy and magnificent growth.

Taking the Philosophic View.

"I don't see you out in your auto any more," said the first north sider to his friend. Last summer you were gone all the time: no day was too hot, no road too dusty, no storm too hard, no discomfort too great to keep you at home."

"Well," mused the second, "the price of everything is getting so high that auto riding for pleasure is really a luxury and not a necessity, so that it was no trouble at all for me and my wife to find for the first time this summer that the roads are hot and dusty, that it is a whole lot of trouble to clean up the machine after a long ride, that it is much better to sit in your own rocking chair on the cool front porch at night while the north wind fans your cheeks, etc., ad inf. So now the car stays in the garage a great deal more, there is no wear on the tires and the mechanism is not subjected to such a strain as it used to be, and the car will last much longer."—Indianapolis News.

To Have House Painted.

It was a simple boyish letter written in London by a youth from Worcester, Mass., with a little bit of news, a little bit of complaint, and a great big bit of confidence in what he and the Americans were going to do; but the better part by far was: "I have saved my pay for some time now, and I want to give dad a surprise by having the old house painted. Won't you please let me know how much it will cost? and I'll send you the money and leave the rest to you, but you mustn't let dad know who is paying for it." That same evening on a train, among the missing and reported as a prisoner, I read the name of the aviator who wrote the letter.—The Outlook.

Portable Houses Form Hospitals.

The United States navy, with knock-down houses contributed by the American Red Cross, has been able to erect a base hospital of 250 beds on an old estate on the Irish coast. These portable houses, ready to bolt together, solved the problem of lumber shortage. The hospital has a staff of 123 physicians and attendants and maintains its own vegetable garden, dairy and poultry farm.

Flanders' Many Owners.

For [illegible] was formerly [illegible] territory, but by the [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

BERRYMAN'S

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DIED

Mrs. Mary Ellen Umble.

Following an illness of but one week Mrs. Mary Ellen Umbel, aged 74 years, three months and 26 days, died Saturday night at 11:10 o'clock at her home, 414 Lincoln avenue. She was the widow of the late Samuel Umbel and is survived by the following children: One daughter, Miss Anna B. Umbel of Charleroi and two sons John F. Umbel of Charleroi and Charles C. Umbel of Cleveland, Ohio, and two grandchildren. She was born near Farmington, Fayette county, July 28, 1841 and in 1864, during the civil war was united in marriage to Samuel Umbel to which union five children were born three of whom survive. She had been a resident of Charleroi for the past 70 years, coming here from Uniontown. She was a member of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church. Although her health prevented her from attending services at all times she was nevertheless a faithful member and by her loving disposition and christian ways endeared herself to all who knew her. Funeral services will take place Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in charge of Rev. John R. Allison at 414 Lincoln avenue, interment in Monongahela cemetery.

Mrs. Van C. Hixenbaugh

Mrs. Van C Hixenbaugh, died at her home in Belle Vernon, Sunday at 12:30 o'clock, from pneumonia, aged [illegible] years. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Bellwall and a member of the Presbyterian church. She is survived by her husband, [illegible] proprietor of the West Side Street [illegible] son Wood [illegible] Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Rev. Perrin C. Bolser.

David R. Phillips.

David R. Phillips, pioneer resident of Charleroi, died at his home 500 Crest avenue, Saturday evening at 7:37 o'clock, aged 82 years. The death of Mr. Phillips' death was the infirmities of his advanced age. He was born June 10, 1836 and served in the civil war in the Union army. He is survived by his wife, two sons, W. P. Phillips of Long Branch and Fred Phillips of Belle Vernon and two daughters, Mrs. John Wise of Charleroi, and Mrs. Raymond Chester of Coal Centre. Funeral services were held this afternoon at one o'clock from his late home, conducted by Rev. Allison of the Methodist church with interment in Howe cemetery.

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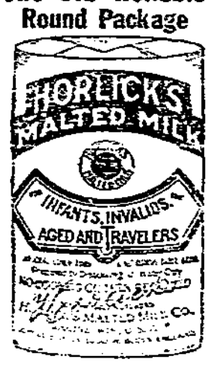

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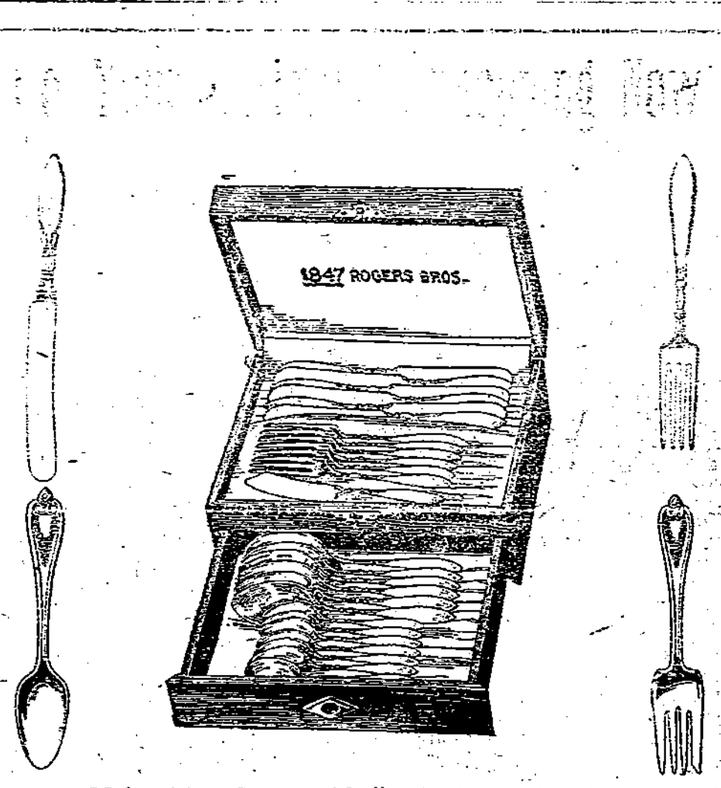

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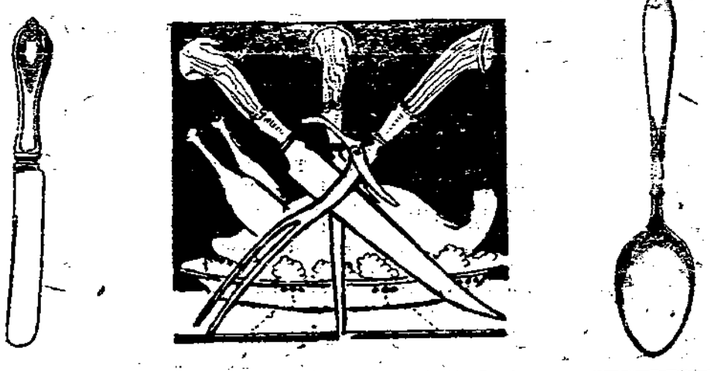

TAR WITH GRAVEL

Heavy coatings of tarvia on the state road between Fayette City and Gillespie about two weesk ago caused much unfavorable comment by automobile and truck owners, because there was no gravel put on with the tar, that Highway officials caused their wagons to work all one night hauling gravel and spreading it over the surface of the road. Machines going through Fayette City after the tar had been put on were dripping with the sticky stuff, much to the annoyance of the auto drivers.

COAL SELLS AT VERY HIGH PRICE

The Moore coal holdings of approximately 2,500 acres on the Youghiogheny river, in Westmoreland county, has changed hands for about $1,500 an acre or $3,250,000, according to an announcement made recently. It is said the coal passes to the Pittsburg Coal Company, and at the time the deal was consummated several interests were anxious to buy the coal. It is the Pittsburg vein, and comprises one of the largest single tracts on the Yough river. Many efforts were made to purchase it in the past, but all former offers were rejected.

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Chief Albright is confined to his home with a slight attack of influenza. His condition is reported as being somewhat better today.

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Mrs. Adolph Bezie has returned from Kokomo, Ind., where she attended the funeral of her brother-in-law, Mr. McHale.

NORTH CHARLEROI

Mrs. Elmore Houston of Mansfield, Ohio is visiting friends here this week

Mrs. F. J. Frese and daughter Miss Freda of Donora were guests of the former's son Fred Frese.

Mrs. Clyde Bradley visited with friends in Donora this week.

Miss Helen Phillips who has visited relatives and helped take care of sick here for three weeks, has returned to her home in Uniontown.

Edgar Cocain is spending a few days with his uncle Edgar Graff in West Virginia.

George Dennis, Jr., was a caller in Pittsburg on Monday.

Mrs. Jennie Dwyer and daughter Miss Katie of Fayette City were guests on Friday of the former's daughter Mrs. Everett Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson and Mrs. Margaret Pasco of Fayette City and Mrs. Fred Wright of Monongahela, were guests on Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carson.

Mrs. John Myers was called to Ballview on account of the illness of her aunt Mrs. J. M. McGirr.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kenyon have moved to Brownsville.

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Undertaker Invented Phone.

Inventors who have new ideas which are foreign to their vocations or lines of business may derive encouragement from the fact that the inventor of the first practical system of automatic telephony was Almon B. Strowger of Kansas City, who took out a patent in 1889. The inventor of the Strowger system was an undertaker who was in no way connected with electrical engineering or with any telephone enterprise.

Systematic Effort Wins.

If we take our duties and reduce them to the essentials we shall find that there are many real things to do, needful things to do, and we shall go about them with energy and earnestness, not impressing ourselves through a hundred trifles, but through true effort, properly directed, doing whatever our hands and hearts and minds find to do, nobly and well.

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ECONOMY STILL NEEDED.

Over Three Times Pre-War Shipments Required—Situation in Wheat and Fats Proves Government's Policy Sound.

With the guns in Europe silenced, we have now to consider a new world food situation. But there can be no hope that the volume of our exports can be lightened to the slightest degree with the cessation of hostilities. Millions of people liberated from the Prussian yoke are now depending upon us for the food which will keep them from starvation.

With food the United States made it possible for the forces of democracy to hold out to victory. To insure democracy in the world, we must continue to live simply in order that we may supply these liberated nations of Europe with food. Hunger among a people inevitably breeds anarchy. American food must reinforce the work of making the world safe for democracy.

Last year we sent 11,820,000 tons of food to Europe. For the present year, with only the European Allies to feed, we had originally pledged ourselves to a program that would have increased our exports to 17,500,000 tons. Now, to feed the liberated nations, we will have to export a total of not less than 20,000,000 tons, practically the limit of loading capacity at our ports. Reviewing the world food situation, we find that some foods will be obtainable in quantities sufficient to meet all world needs under a regime of economical consumption. On the other hand, there will be pressing world shortages in some important commodities.

Return to Normal Bread Loaf.

With the enlarged wheat crops which American farmers have grown, and the supplies of Australia, the Argentine and other markets now accessible to shipping, there are bread grains enough to enable the nations to return to their normal wheat loaf, provided we continue to mill flour at a high percentage of extraction and maintain economy in eating and the avoidance of waste.

In fats there will be a heavy shortage — about 3,000,000,000 pounds — in pork products, dairy products and vegetable oils. While there will be a shortage of about three million tons in rich protein feeds for dairy animals, there will be sufficient supplies of other feedstuffs to allow economical consumption.

In the matter of beef, the world's supplies are limited to the capacity of the available refrigerating ships. The supplies of beef in Australia, the Argentine and the United States are sufficient to load these ships. There will be a shortage in the importing countries, but we cannot hope to expand exports materially for the next months in view of the bottle neck in transportation.

We will have a sufficient supply of sugar to allow normal consumption in this country if the other nations retain their present short rations or increase them only slightly. For the countries of Europe, however, to increase their present rations to a material extent will necessitate our sharing a part of our own supplies with them.

Twenty Million Tons of Food.

Of the world total, North America will furnish more than 60 per cent. The United States, including the West Indies, will be called upon to furnish 20,000,000 tons of food of all kinds as compared with our pre-war exports of about 6,000,000 tons.

While we will be able to change our program in many respects, even a casual survey of the world supplies in comparison to world demands shows conclusively that Europe will know famine unless the American people bring their home consumption down to the barest minimum that will maintain health and strength.

There are conditions of famine in Europe that will be beyond our power to remedy. There are 40,000,000 people in North Russia whom there is small chance of reaching with food this winter. Their transportation is demoralized in complete anarchy, and shortly many of their ports will be frozen, even if internal transport could be realized.

To Preserve Civilization.

At this moment Germany has not alone sucked the food and animals from all those masses of people she has dominated and left starving, but she has left behind her a total wreckage of social institutions, and this mass of people is now confronted with absolute anarchy.

If we value our own safety and the highest organization of the world, if we value the preservation of civilization itself we cannot permit growth of this cancer in the world's vitals.

Famine is the mother of anarchy. From the inability of governments to secure food for their people grows revolution and chaos. From an ability to supply their people grows stability of government and the defeat of anarchy. Did we put it on no higher plane than our interests in the protection of our institutions, we must bestir ourselves in solution of this problem.

KEPT PLEDGE TO SEND BREAD

American Nation Maintained Allied Loaf Through Self-Denial at Home Table.

AVERTED EUROPEAN DESPAIR.

With Military Demands Upon Ocean Shipping Relieved, World Is Able to Return to Normal White Wheat Bread.

Since the advent of the latest wheat crop the only limitation upon American exports to Europe has been the shortage of shipping. Between July 1 and October 10 we shipped 65,280,205 bushels. If this rate should continue until the end of the fiscal year we will have furnished the Allies with more than 200,000,000 bushels of wheat and flour in terms of wheat.

The result of increased production and conservation efforts in the United States has been that with the cessation of hostilities we are able to return to a normal wheat diet. Supplies that have accumulated in Australia, Argentine and other hitherto inaccessible markets may be tapped by ships released from transport service, and European demand for American wheat probably will not exceed our normal surplus. There is wheat enough available to have a white loaf at the common table.

But last year the tale was different. Only by the greatest possible saving and sacrifice were we able to keep a steady stream of wheat and flour moving across the sea. We found ourselves at the beginning of the harvest year with an unusually short crop. Even the most optimistic statisticians figured that we had a bare surplus of 20,000,000 bushels. And yet Europe was facing the probability of a bread famine—and in Europe bread is by far the most important article in the diet.

All of this surplus had left the country early in the fall. By the first of this year we had managed to ship a little more than 50,000,000 bushels by practicing the utmost economy at home—by wheatless days, wheatless meals, heavy substitution of other cereals and by sacrifice at almost every meal throughout the country.

In January the late Lord Rhondda, then British Food Controller, cabled that only if we sent an additional 75,000,000 bushels before July 1 could he take the responsibility of assuring his people that they would be fed.

The response of the American people was 85,000,000 bushels safely delivered overseas between January 1 and July 1. Out of a harvest which gave us only 200,000,000 bushels surplus we actually shipped 141,000,000 bushels.

Thus did America fulfill her pledge that the Allied bread rations could be maintained, and already the American people are demonstrating that, with an awakened war conscience, last year's figures will be bettered.

Our exports since this country entered the war have justified a statement made by the Food Administration shortly after its conception, outlining the principles and policies that would govern the solution of this country's food problems.

"The whole foundation of democracy," declared the Food Administration, "lies in the individual initiative of its people and their willingness to serve the interests of the nation with complete self effacement in the time of emergency. Democracy can yield to discipline, and we can solve this food problem for our own people and for the Allies in this way. To have done so will have been a greater service than our immediate objective, for we have demonstrated the rightfulness of our faith and our ability to defend ourselves without being Prussianized."

Sending to Europe 141,000,000 bushels of wheat from a surplus of apparently nothing was the outstanding exploit of the American food army in the critical year of the war.

GREATEST OPPORTUNITY WOMEN EVER HAD.

It was given to the women of this country to perform the greatest service in the winning of the war vouchsafed to any women in the history of the wars of the world—to feed the warriors and the war sufferers. By the arts of peace, the practice of simple, homely virtues the womanhood of a whole nation served humanity in its profoundest struggle for peace and freedom.

FIRST CALL TO FOOD ARMY.

This co-operation and service I ask of all in full confidence that America will render more for flag and freedom than king ridden people surrender at compulsion.—Herbert Hoover, August 10, 1917.

A year ago voluntary food control was a daring adventure in democracy; during the year an established proof of democratic efficiency.

SHE KEPT THEM ON THE JOB

PROVED SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY

Voluntary Basis of Food Saving Showed Heart of America Beat True for Freedom.

To the voluntary service and sacrifice of the American people must be attributed the continued health, strength and morale of the Allied armies and the civil populace.

Upon this spirit of service and sacrifice will depend Europe's fate in the months to come. In the past year we have carried out an export program, the magnitude of which is almost beyond comprehension. But with the new demands that have come, with the liberation of nations freed from German oppression our exports must be almost doubled. Instead of 11,820,000 tons, we must ship twenty million tons of food to Europe in the coming year—as much as can be pushed through our ports.

If the Allies had not been fed by America, it would have been impossible for them to maintain their defense against Germany.

Meeting this world need on a purely voluntary basis, the American people have conclusively proved that democracy is a success and that in time of need it will rise to its own defense.

If there were no other accomplishment to its credit the very fact that it has shown the strength of democracy has in itself more than justified the existence of the Food Administration in the eyes of the world.

Less than four months after the United States declared war the United States Food Administrator expressed his determination to meet America's food problem on a basis of voluntary action and reiterated his confidence that awakened democracy would prove irresistible.

"Many thinking Americans," said Mr. Hoover "and the whole world have been watching anxiously the last four months in the fear that democratic America could not organize to meet autocratic Germany. Germany has been confident that it could not be done. Contrary proof is immediately at our door, and our people have already demonstrated their ability to mobilize, organize, endure and prepare voluntarily and efficiently in many directions and upon the mere word of inspiration aside from the remarkable assemblage of our Army and finances."

The history of the Food Administration has clearly shown that the trust of those who put their faith in democracy has not been misplaced.

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SAVE 16,000,000 BUSHELS OF WHEAT THAT FORMERLY WAS LOST IN THRESHING

Farmers, Urged by Food Administration, Provide Seven Extra Loaves of Bread for Every American.

By adopting cleaner threshing methods and by literally combing harvest fields to gather grain formerly wasted, threshermen and farmers of the United States this year saved fully 16,000,000 bushels of wheat, estimated as equivalent to about seven one-pound loaves of bread for every person in the country. This result, accompanied by corresponding savings of barley, oats, rye and other grains, is shown by reports from 33 grain states to the U. S. Food Administration. Other states although not prepared to furnish definite figures of conservation in the grain fields, report greatly reduced harvest losses.

This rural food saving achievement, accomplished in scarcely six months' time, was in direct response to requests by the Food Administration, which asked farmers and threshermen to reduce harvest losses from about 3¼ per cent.—the estimated average in normal times—to the lowest possible minimum. Country grain threshing committees carried into every grain growing community the official recommendations for accomplishing the results desired.

In numerous instances drivers of racks with leaky bottoms were sent from the fields to repair their equipment and frequently bad order threshing machines were stopped until the cause of waste was removed. But in proportion to the number of persons engaged in gathering the nation's grain crop, cases of compulsion were comparatively rare. The Food Administration freely attributes the success of the grain threshing campaign to patriotic service by farmers, threshermen and their crews. Incidentally grain growers of the United States are many millions of dollars "in pocket" as a result of the grain saved.

NO ONE SUFFERED HERE.

The marvel of our voluntary food-saving, now that we are "getting results," is that no one ever actually suffered any hardship from it; that we all are better in health and spirit and better satisfied with ourselves because of our friendly self-denial.

Food control in America held the price of breadstuffs steady, prevented vicious speculation and extortion and preserved tranquility at home.

In no other nation is there so willing a sense of voluntary self-sacrifice as in America—that was shown in the abstinence from wheat.

Find more wheat. It came; more pork, it came; save sugar. It was done. So Americans answered the challenge of German starvation.

Good will rules the new world as fear governed the old world. Through food America helps make the whole world kin.

Food control made sufficiency from shortage days; the rein on food prices gave the nation's full strength exercise.

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